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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL,

READ AT THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING ON THE 27TH MAY.

THE Council have the pleasure of submitting the following Report of the financial state of the Society, and its general progress since the last Anniversary Meeting.

Members.—Since the last Report 147 Fellows have been elected, of whom 3 were Honorary Corresponding, and 19 have paid their Life Compositions. The number lost by death is 43, and by resignation 33.

In pursuance of the notice given in the last year's Report, and under the direction of the Finance Committee, the rule has been put in force with regard to Fellows whose subscriptions were three years and upwards in arrear; 45 names have thus been struck off the list, the accumulation of several years.

Finances.—The annexed Balance-sheet (A) shows a continuance of the financial prosperity of the Society, and compares favourably with those of previous years. It will be seen that the receipts for the year 1866 (exclusive of balance in hand) were 5085*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*; in 1865 the amount was 4905*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*; and in 1864, 4977*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* The expenditure during the past year was 4052*l.* 15*s.*; in 1865 it was 4307*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.*; and in 1864, 3647*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* Of the amount expended, 272*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* were for the promotion of expeditions, the details of which are given

in the Balance-sheet. The excess of income over expenditure during the past year was 1032*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*; and this has enabled the Finance Committee, on the approval of the Council, to add 1000*l.* to the funded property, purchasing India 5 per Cent. Stock to that amount, at the cost of 1028*l.* 15*s.* It may be well to state that since the end of the financial year, December 31st, 1866, 1000*l.* more have been invested in India 5 per Cent. Debentures. The total amount of the funded capital of the Society at the present date is 14,500*l.*

The legacy of 4000*l.* mentioned in the last Report as having been bequeathed to the Society by the late Benjamin Oliveira, Esq., is still under litigation. As before stated, the Council were recommended by their legal advisers to appear in the suit as defendants, the bill being filed in Chancery by members of the family, who set up a prior settlement of Mr. Oliveira. It is hoped that by the next anniversary the Council may be able to announce the conclusion of the suit with results satisfactory to the Society.

The system of monthly examination of the expenditure and accounts by the Finance Committee has been continued throughout the year, and all bills due by the Society have been paid at the next Monthly Meeting following their presentation. The accounts have also been examined by the Auditors to the end of the year 1866.

STATEMENT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the Society from the Year 1848 to the 31st Dec. 1866.

STATEMENT showing the Progress of the INVESTMENTS of the Society from the Year 1832 to the 31st Dec. 1866.

Year.	Cash Receipts within the Year.			Cash Amounts invested in Funds.			Deducting Amounts invested in Funds; actual Expenditure.			End of the Year, Dec. 31.	Cash Invested.			Amount of Stock purchased.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1848	696	10	5	..	..	..	755	6	1	1832	3657	10	0	4000	0	0
1849	778	3	0	..	..	..	1098	7	6	1833	4130	0	0	4500	0	0
1850	1036	10	5	..	..	..	877	2	10	1834	4426	0	0	4800	0	0
1851	1056	11	8	..	..	..	906	14	7	1835	4426	0	0	4800	0	0
1852	1220	3	4	..	..	..	995	13	1	1836	4426	0	0	4800	0	0
1853	1917	2	6	..	..	..	1675	6	0	1837	4426	0	0	4800	0	0
1854	2565	7	8	..	..	..	2197	19	3	1838	4426	0	0	4800	0	0
1855	2584	7	0	..	..	..	2636	3	1	1839	4129	15	0	4500	0	0
1856	3372	5	1	533	10	0	2814	8	1	1840	3788	10	0	4150	0	0
1857	3142	13	4	378	0	0	3480	19	9	1841	2801	0	0	3150	0	0
1858	3089	15	1	..	..	..	2944	13	6	1842	2801	0	0	3150	0	0
1859	3471	11	8	950	0	0	3423	3	9	1843	2219	18	6	2578	4	4
1860	6449	12	1	466	17	6	5406	3	7	1844	2219	18	6	2578	4	4
1861	4792	12	9	1358	2	6	3074	7	4	1845	2219	18	6	2578	4	4
1862	4659	7	9	1389	7	6	3095	19	4	1846	1933	1	0	2278	4	4
1863	5256	9	3	1837	10	0	3655	4	0	1847	2133	1	0	2502	6	2
1864	4977	8	6	1796	5	0	3647	7	10	1848	1886	16	8	2224	1	10
1865	4905	8	3	1041	5	0	4307	4	5	1849	1886	16	8	2224	1	10
1866	5085	8	3	1028	15	0	4052	15	0	1850	1886	16	8	2224	1	10
In 1856 a Treasury Grant of 1000 <i>l.</i> for the East African Expedition received. In 1860 a Treasury Grant of 2500 <i>l.</i> for the East African Expedition received.										1851	1886	16	8	2224	1	10
										1852	1886	16	8	2224	1	10
										1853	1662	14	10	2000	0	0
										1854	1662	14	10	2000	0	0
										1855	1662	14	10	2000	0	0
										1856	2216	4	10	2600	0	0
										1857	2594	4	10	3000	0	0
										1858	2594	4	10	3000	0	0
										1859	3544	4	10	4000	0	0
										1860	4011	2	4	4500	0	0
										1861	5369	4	10	6000	0	0
										1862	6758	12	4	7500	0	0
										1863	8596	2	4	9500	0	0
										1864	10365	7	4	11500	0	0
										1865	11406	12	4	12500	0	0
										1866	12435	7	4	13500	0	0*

* Of which 2000*l.* is India 5 per Cents.

Publications.—The 36th volume of the Journal was published at the end of April last, and is now being delivered, as usual, to all Fellows who apply for their copies at the offices of the Society in Whitehall Place. The volume contains 21 Memoirs and 14 Maps, and it is hoped will bear comparison for the varied interest of its contents with those of preceding years.

The 10th volume of the Proceedings has also been published

and delivered to Fellows during the year, and two parts of the 11th volume, containing the Reports of Meetings of the present Session have been distributed.

The Index to the third ten volumes of the Society's Journal, mentioned in a previous Report as in process of compilation by Colonel H. Yule, has been finished, and the manuscript presented to the Council, during the present Session. It is now being printed, and copies will be ready for distribution during the summer. The Council have tendered, on behalf of the Society, their sincere thanks to Colonel Yule for this laborious and skilful compilation, made by him gratuitously and in the desire to be useful to students of the Society's publications.

It is satisfactory to have again to report an increase in the sale of publications, the amount during the past year being 128*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.* In the year 1865 the total sales were 124*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*; in 1864, 105*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*; and in 1863, 65*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*

Library.—Since the last Report 1068 volumes of books and pamphlets have been added to the Library, 36 by purchase and the remainder presented or received in exchange for our own publications.

The Council have to report that since the last anniversary they have appointed to the office of Librarian Mr. J. H. L. Lamprey, a gentleman of literary attainments, the duties of the post having been previously fulfilled by a junior clerk only. Under the direction of the Library Committee, the arrangement of the books on the shelves, in the order of countries and subjects, has been nearly completed, and Mr. Lamprey is now proceeding with the Classified Catalogue of the Library, with the Geographical portion arranged alphabetically according to places, which will be of great service, when finished, as an index to the mass of Geographical literature in the possession of the Society. It may be added that the Library is much more frequented than formerly by Fellows for the purpose of Geographical research.

Map-Collection.—The accessions to the Map Department have exceeded in amount those of last year, the number of sheets of Maps and Charts added being 2426, of Atlases 8, and Diagrams and Views 37. All have been mounted, catalogued, and incorporated with the classified collection.

The following are the most important additions:—

2008 Sheets of the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain and Ireland.

Presented by the Topographical Office through Sir Henry James, Director of the Survey.

90 Admiralty Charts. Presented by the Admiralty through the Hydrographer, Captain Richards.

Atlases of the World and for Schools; chromolithographed.

Presented by the Author, Dr. H. Lange.

Maps of the late War in Germany. Presented by Colonel Beauchamp Walker, H.M.'s Military Commissioner in Berlin.

6 Geographical Maps of Saxony and Rhenish Prussia. Presented by the Prussian Government.

9 Sheets of Dufour's Corrected Atlas of Switzerland. Presented by the Federal Government.

New Map of Central Asia. By Lieut.-Colonel Walker.

8 Maps of the Punjab. By Lieut.-Colonel D. R. Robinson.

2 Irrigation Maps of the Madras Presidency, and Maps of the Neilgherries. Presented by C. R. Markham, Esq.

Chinese Map of China on 64 sheets. Presented by Dr. Jones Lamprey.

Official Map of Peking. Presented by Messrs. Kopsch and Taintor.

Library Map of Africa, by Dr. A. Keith Johnston. Presented by E. Stanford, Esq.

Maps of Paraguay and the Argentine Republic. Presented by Mr. Consul Hutchinson.

Photographs of the Volcanic Eruption at Santorin. Presented by Commander Lindesay Brine.

Large Diagrams.—The Special Committee of Council, consisting of Vice-Admiral Sir George Back, Rear-Admiral R. Collinson, Major-General G. Balfour, and the Secretaries, have continued during the year their superintendence of the construction of large Diagrams for illustrating Papers read at the evening Meetings of the Society. The Diagrams have all been drawn up on the Mercator projection, as decided by the Council on the Report of General Sir Andrew Scott Waugh, late Superintendent of the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India, this projection being the only one on which routes of travellers,

with correct bearings, can be drawn. The Diagrams of Asia and America were finished and exhibited early in the Session, and the Council have now the satisfaction to report the completion of the other two, namely, the Malay Archipelago and the World, the former of which is on a scale of 6 inches, and the latter of 0·66 in. to an equatorial degree.

Catalogue of Maps.—Considerable progress has been made during the past year in cataloguing the valuable collection of Maps which the Society possesses; and, under the direction of the Special Committee above named, the Curator, with an extra assistant, has made a complete list in MS. of all the Maps—giving the title, scale, date and limits of each. In future this will much facilitate the finding of any Map to which a visitor may wish to refer. The Catalogue does not at present include charts, diagrams, models, and views, and is classified according to countries and places. An additional Catalogue might hereafter be made, in alphabetical order, of places represented, with the press mark of the Curator's list, and such simpler form of Catalogue might eventually be printed for the use of Fellows.

Grants to Travellers.—A sum of 200*l.* was voted during the year to the Leichhardt Search Fund in Australia, and a further sum of 50*l.* to M. Gérard Rohlfs, who, when last heard of, was about to leave the shores of Lake Tshad for Waday. A set of instruments were provided, at the cost of 22*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, for Mr. E. Whymper, who has lately left England to explore Greenland. Instruments have also been lent to Mr. Henry Whitely, a traveller who is now on his way to explore the eastern slopes of the Andes, in Southern Peru.

APPENDIX A.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1866.

Receipts.

Expenditure.

Receipts.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	Expenditure.
Balance in Banker's hands 31st Dec., 1865	86	15	3	..	..	..	Rent, Taxes, and House Expenses
Ditto Accountant's	12	9	7	..	..	..	Salaries and Wages
Subscriptions of 1243 Fellows	2623	13	0	99	4	10	Library and Map-Rooms
Entrance Fees of 141 Fellows	423	0	0	..	..	..	Subscriptions, &c., returned
Life Compositions of 24 Fellows	595	0	0	..	..	..	Gold Medals, and other awards
Arrears of Subscriptions	194	0	0	..	..	..	Postages, &c.
Parliamentary Grant	..	..	..	3835	13	0	Office Expenses
Royal Premium (1865 and 1866)	..	..	..	500	0	0	Publications and Illustrations
Sale of Publications	..	..	..	105	0	0	Furniture and Repairs
Advertisements	..	..	..	128	13	7	Expenditures:
Rent of Stables	..	..	..	90	14	9	Contribution towards M. Gérhard
Half Year's Dividend on 1000 <i>l.</i> India 5	..	..	..	10	0	0	Rohlf's Expedition
per Cents.	24	11	8	..	..	..	Leichhardt Search
Half Year's Dividend on 11,500 <i>l.</i> New 3	169	12	6	..	..	..	Expedition
per Cents. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	" Mr. Whymper's
Half Year's Dividend on 2000 <i>l.</i> India 5	49	3	4	..	..	..	Expedition (Instruments)
per Cents. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	Miscellaneous
Half Year's Dividend on 11,500 <i>l.</i> New 3	169	12	6	..	..	..	.. .. .
per Cents. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	.. .. .
Sundry small receipts .. .. .	..	..	..	413	0	0	Addition to Funded Property (1000 <i>l.</i>)
.. .. .	..	..	..	2	6	11	India 5 per Cents.
.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	Balance in Banker's hands
.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ditto Accountant's
.. .. .	..	..	..	£5184	13	1	£5184 13 1

REGINALD T. COCKS, *Treasurer.*

Audited 17th April, 1867.

THOMAS H. BROOKING,
G. BALFOUR,
CHARLES WHITE,
H. JONES WILLIAMS, } *Auditors.*

APPENDIX B.

ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1867.

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>£. s. d.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>£.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Cash Balance, 1st Jan., 1867	103 3 1	Rent, Taxes, and House Expenses ..	..	.. 550 0 0
Annual Subscriptions	2600 0 0	Salaries (whole Staff) and Wages ..	..	.. 1250 0 0
Life Compositions	450 0 0	Library and Map-Rooms ..	..	.. 250 0 0
Entrance Fees	390 0 0	Gold Medals ..	..	.. 46 0 0
Arrears of Subscriptions	150 0 0	Postages, &c. ..	..	.. 130 0 0
Royal Premium for 1867	52 10 0	Office Expenses ..	..	.. 250 0 0
Parliamentary Grant	500 0 0	Journal, with Maps, and Proceedings ..	..	.. 1000 0 0
Sale of Publications	125 0 0	Index to third ten vols. of the Society's Journal..	..	.. 200 0 0
Dividends and Small Receipts	480 0 0	EXPENDITURES:—	<i>£. s. d.</i>	
				Contribution to M. Gérard Rohlfs' ..	50 0 0	
				Expedition ..	.. ..
				“ Livingstone Search do.	200 0 0	
					250 0 0	
				Balance available for investment ..	.. ..	924 13 1
					3926 0 0	
					£4850 13 1	